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Mountainland Association of Governments...

3-County Council Organized

Association Necessary to Qualify For Federal Grants

A three county regional association was formally approved in a meeting of representatives from Summit, Wasatch and Utah County Councils of Government in Heber Thursday, September 23.

The new regional association was given the name Mountainland Association of Governments (Region IV).

Representing the three counties were members of the County Commissions, James Murnin and Kenneth Woolstenhulme from Summit County, Stanley D. Roberts, and Verl G. Stone from Utah County and Russell Wall from Wasatch County. Mr. Wall was appointed by the quorum to conduct the meeting.

Purposes Given

The purpose of the Mountainland Association of Governments was spelled out in articles of Association which had been drawn up by the Utah State Department of Local Affairs, and were adopted during the meeting. Great stress was placed on the need for orderly and harmonious coordination between the three counties on federal,

state and local programs and projects.

The articles state that the association, which is to be strictly a voluntary organization, shall "... provide a common forum to identify, discuss and bring into focus regional challenges and opportunities."

Federal Grants

Bill Bruhn, head of the State Local Affairs office said that the major need for the association was in the area of acquiring federal grants.

"At least three major federal agencies will not even consider applications for grants unless some kind of regional group, such as this body, has officially placed its stamp of approval on the application," Mr. Bruhn said.

The Mountainland Association of Governments will now organize itself by developing an executive committee which will consist of two members from each board of County Commission, 2 members representing mayors from each county in the region, and one additional member from each municipality of over 30,000 population in each county.



SIGNING ARTICLES of Association for the Mountainland Association of Governments are these men representing the Councils of Government from Summit, Wasatch and Utah Counties. Seated from left, are Kenneth Woolstenhulme, Summit County; Stanley D.

Roberts, Utah County, and Russell Wall, Wasatch County. Standing, from the left are, James Murnin, Summit County, Verl G. Stone, Utah County, and Bill Bruhn, representing the State Department of Local Affairs.

Central Staff

The articles also provide for the establishment of a central staff which would consist of an executive director, and whatever staff members are needed to accomplish the goals of the association.

For the present, the Planning Department of the Utah County Council of Governments will carry out the staff function, without charge to the Association.

Some of the services the new association will render to local

governments include technical advice and assistance in regard to local problems which have region impact, and in the preparation of plans, programs and projects in one county which may affect the other counties.

Applications

Mr. Roberts stated at the meeting that two applications for federal funds made by cities in Utah County were turned down recently for lack of some kind of regional coordination. He indicated that he felt the Mountainland Association of Counties would soon become one of the greatest tools the various communities in the three county area could use to remove such stumbling blocks from applications in the future.

The next meeting of the Association was set for October 28 at 7:30 p. m. in Heber City.

Warning! Don't Steal Ties From Railroad

A warning was issued to those persons who are removing the ties from the DRG&W right-of-way: This is state property and these are state's property. Persons found removing ties will be prosecuted.

The railroad between Heber and Wildwood will be utilized for the Wasatch Mountain Railroad.

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Pro-Utah Calls Ritchie To Area Directorship

Leon J. Ritchie, President of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce today has been appointed as an area representative for PRO-UTAH.

This announcement was made by Harold Woolley, President of Pro-Utah.

Pro-Utah is a state-wide, non-profit, private enterprise-sponsored industrial development organization dedicated to the promotion of new industry in Utah and the expansion of existing industry. Pro-Utah is Utah's founding industrial development firm and is considered by many to be the Chamber of Commerce for the state.

Pro-Utah is in the process of appointing some 25 businessmen, representing industrial, business and area groups, to act as area representatives and prospectors for its industrial efforts.

These key men will keep Pro-Utah apprised of industrial development in their representative areas - information such as industrial sites, changes in local labor markets, utility rates, transportation problems, research, etc.

Mr. Woolley is concerned with Utah's industrial development in comparison with that of neighbor states. Our neighboring states have mounted aggressive campaigns: Colorado has 180 industrial development agencies,

Idaho 120, Arizona 100, New Mexico, 75, as compared with Utah's 25.

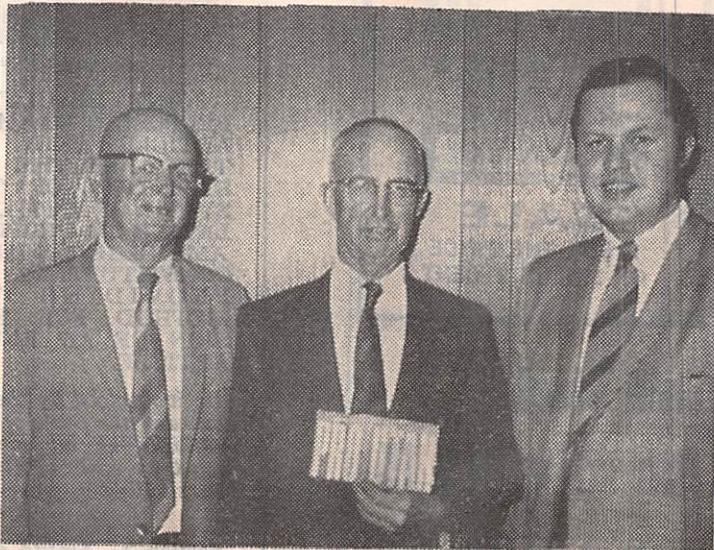
Although Utah is one of the last to enter in this field, we are equipping ourselves effectively. A number of agencies have been formed to represent Utah. Pro-Utah is accelerating its program of face-to-face interviews with likely prospects. There is a desperate need for increased community awareness.

If Utah's citizens could only realize the many benefits of industrial development: the effect on economy - new jobs - more income - increased spending - long run benefits, such as better schools - and more importantly, community leadership.

Industrial development between the states is becoming more intense and much more sophisticated.

To reduce our state's tax load we must obtain our share of new industry.

Pro-Utah is now launching a state-wide membership development program to acquaint Private enterprise with its goals. For this reason Mr. Ritchie has been appointed to aid in the development of this area. A meeting is being planned to explore the benefits of industrial development.



PRO-UTAH— Mr. Leon Ritchie, president of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce, was appointed one of 25 area directors of the industrial promotion organization. Officers of the Pro-Utah were on hand to make appointment.

10-10-70 Saturday
where: Track work

Who: Ed McLaughlin
Dennis A Spendlove

Project: Work on the "Dinky" Engine
Work on setting rails at
Bridal Veil falls.

Rails now completely open
to Nunn's Crossing where
State Road has filled
tracks in.

Still: the Prime objective is to
get the Equipment into Heber
City.

